

it hath always given me a pleasure to look upon him, notwithstanding his monstrous height. His hair, which hangs in flowing ringlets down his shoulders, is of a colour like the brightest gold, and he hath likewise a handsome beard of the same hue. His dress is a large green cap or turban, which is covered with gold and sparkling diamonds, and a long purple vest, which is bound about his middle with a golden girdle, very richly ornamented with the finest pearls that could be had: all this, added to a blooming, and yet a manly countenance, which is full of sweetness and majesty, makes him, in my opinion, one of the noblest figures I have ever set my eyes upon. At present he is very little, if any thing, above thirty five years old: so that, considering his extensive knowledge, and the many amiable qualities he is possessed of, he may live to be an honour and a blessing to the human race, for many years to come, notwithstanding his being a giant. As to his pedigree, I can only inform you that he is descended from a very ancient

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and respectable family. But I cannot observing that, be his pedigree what (and without dispute it must be very) he is far from being proud of it: he believes that it is a very foolish idleness (though many great as well as little persons and misses are apt to be guilty) to take a pride in honour of our ancestors, and that, of the two, it is much more creditable to overcome the meanness of descent by glorious actions, than to obtain and forfeit the nobility we receive from our ancestors by a base and unworthy behaviour! O rare Mr. Giant! thou art indeed a very good sort of a man, and a sensible fellow! Mr. Newbery, I have had a very fine picture of him, and I have come a copy of it.

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